

BSO Tutorial for Tax Year 2009

View Employer Report Status, Errors, and Notice Information

Contains the following lessons:

- View Employer Report Status Information
- View Employer Report Detailed Information
- View Error Information for Previously Submitted Wage Data
- View Social Security Number/Name Validation Notices

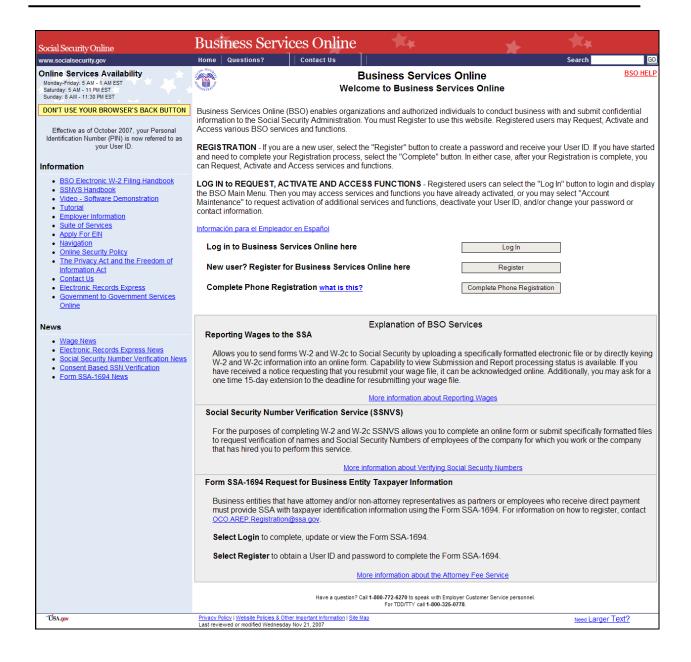
LESSON 1: VIEW EMPLOYER REPORT STATUS INFORMATION

This option is available only to users who selected the View File/Wage Report Status, Errors, and Error Notices role in their registration profile. Follow the instructions below to view the status of employer reports for your company.

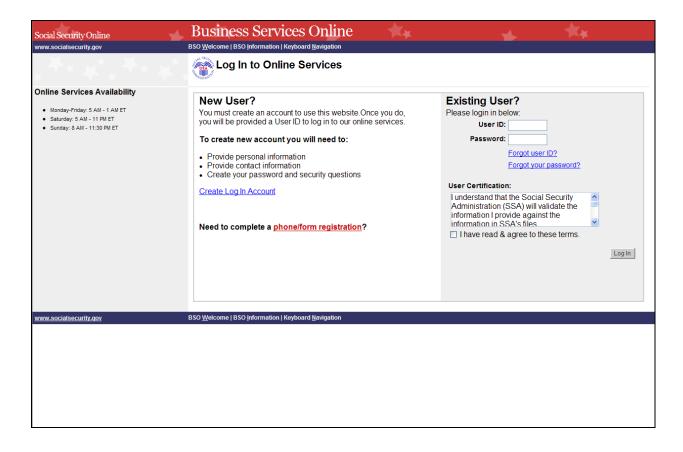


Access to this service may not be requested if you did not provide an Employer Identification Number (EIN) when you registered.

STEP 1: Point your browser to the Business Services Online (BSO) Welcome to Business Services Online page: www.socialsecurity.gov/bso/bsowelcome.htm.



STEP 2: Select the **Log In** button on the BSO Welcome to Business Services Online page. The system displays the Log In to Online Services page.



STEP 3: Enter your User ID and Password.

STEP 4: Select the **I have read & agree to these terms** check box after reading the conditions defined in the **User Certification** text box on the Log In to Online Services page.

Select the **Log In** button to display the BSO Main Menu page.

To return to the BSO Welcome to Business Services Online page, select the **BSO Welcome** link at the top or bottom of the page.

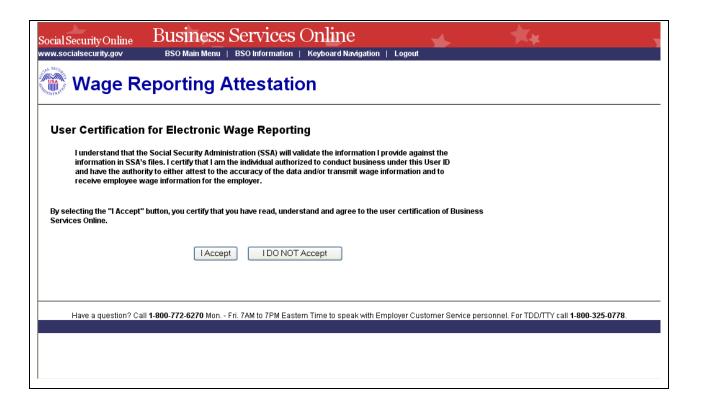


STEP 5: Select the Report Wages To Social Security link on the BSO Main Menu page.

Report Wages To Social Security

Submit, download or process W-2s and W-2cs View submission status, acknowledge resubmission notices or Request resubmission extensions

The system displays the Wage Reporting Attestation page (see screen example below.)



STEP 6: Select the **I Accept** button after reading the conditions defined in the User Certification for Electronic Wage Reporting on the Wage Reporting Attestation page.

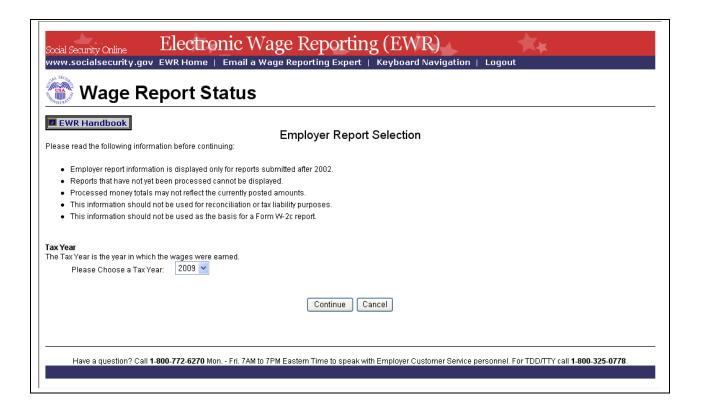
To return to the BSO Main Menu page, select the I DO NOT Accept button.

The system displays the Electronic Wage Reporting (EWR) home menu page (see screen example on page 6.)



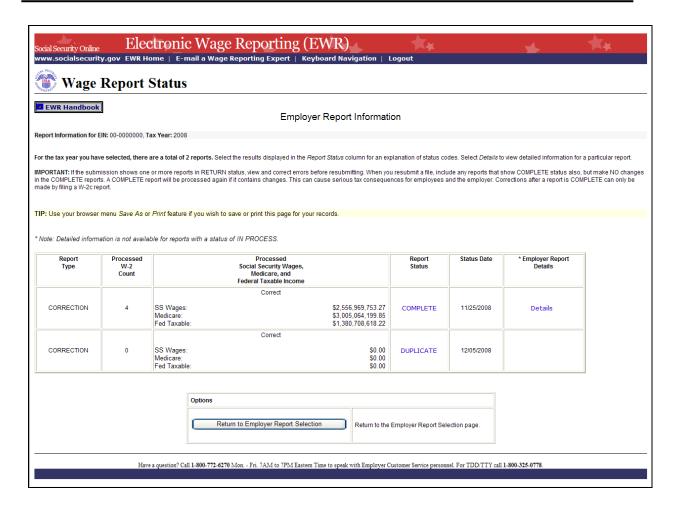
STEP 7: Select the **View Wage Report Status** link.

The system displays the Employer Report Selection page.



- **STEP 8**: Select the Tax Year from the **Please Choose a Tax Year** drop-down menu. The current tax year is the default value in the Tax Year drop-down menu.
- **STEP 9:** Select the **Continue** button. The system displays the Employer Report Information page.

To return to the EWR Home page, select the **Cancel** button.



STEP 10: Select the status link in the **Report Status** column to display the processing status for a specific report. The system displays the Explanation of Processing Status Codes pop-up window.

Explanation of Processing Status Code	
You have requested information about the COMPLETE processing status code.	
COMPLETE	Social Security was able to complete processing of this report. If you or the people filing on your behalf are required to resubmit your wage file, do NOT change the information in this report. Please note that you may have to close this window in order to resume your BSO session. Close Browser Window You can use the File menu to close this window.

- **STEP 11:** Review the status of your submitted report, which is located at the top of the pop-up window.
- **STEP 12**: Select the **Close Browser Window** button to close the pop-up window. The system returns you to the Employer Report Information page.
- **STEP 13**: After closing the pop-up window, select the **Return to Employer Report Selection** button on the Employer Report Information page (see Page 8 for screen example.) The system displays the Employer Report Selection page.

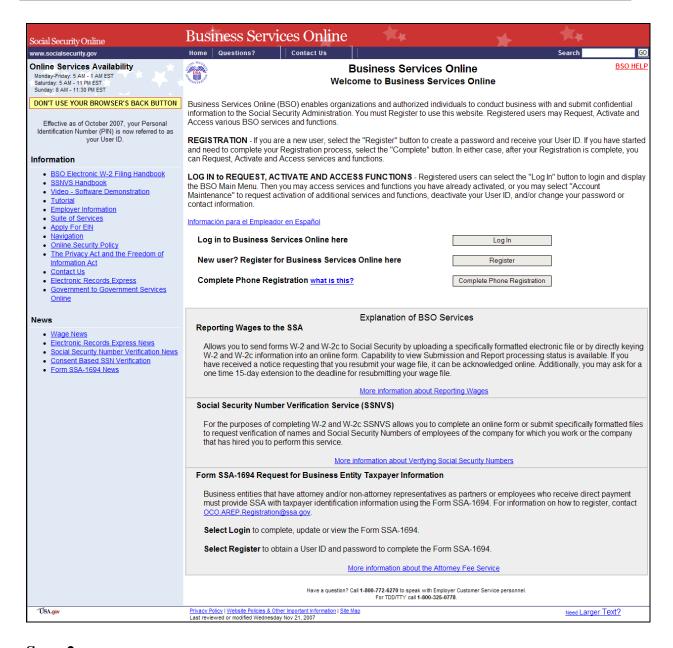
LESSON 2: VIEW EMPLOYER REPORT DETAILED INFORMATION

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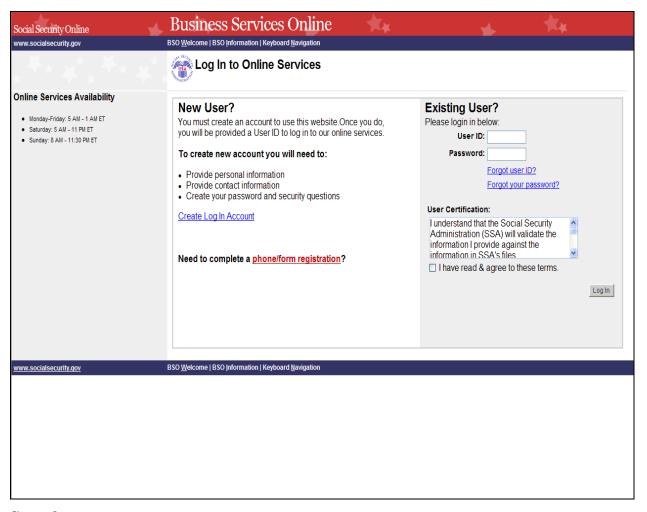


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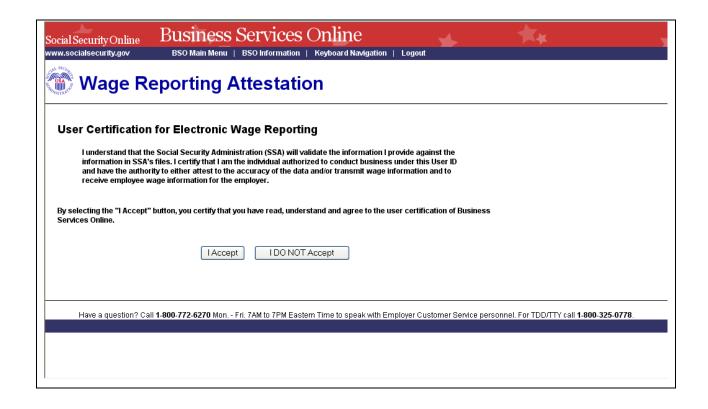
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STEP 5: Select the Report Wages To Social Security link on the BSO Main Menu page.

Report Wages To Social Security

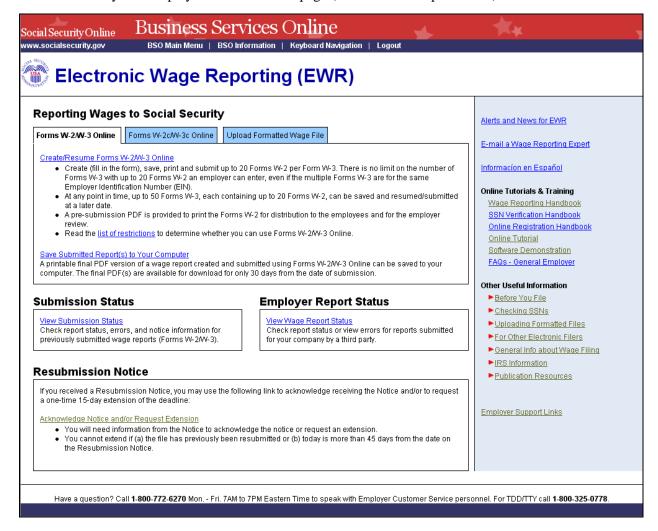
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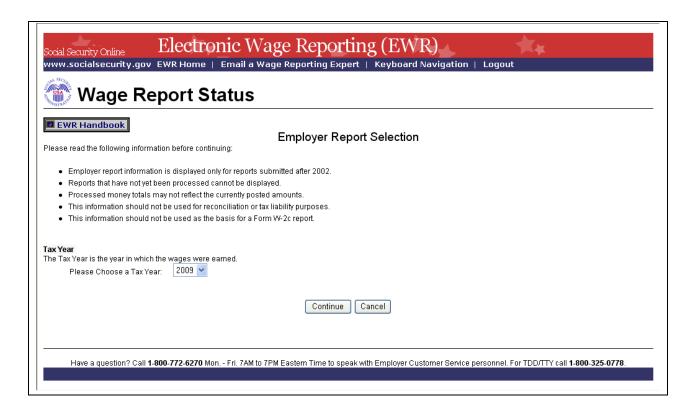
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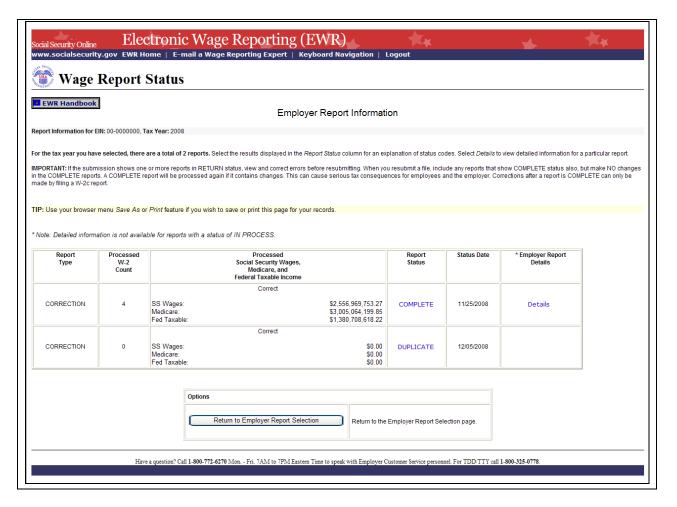
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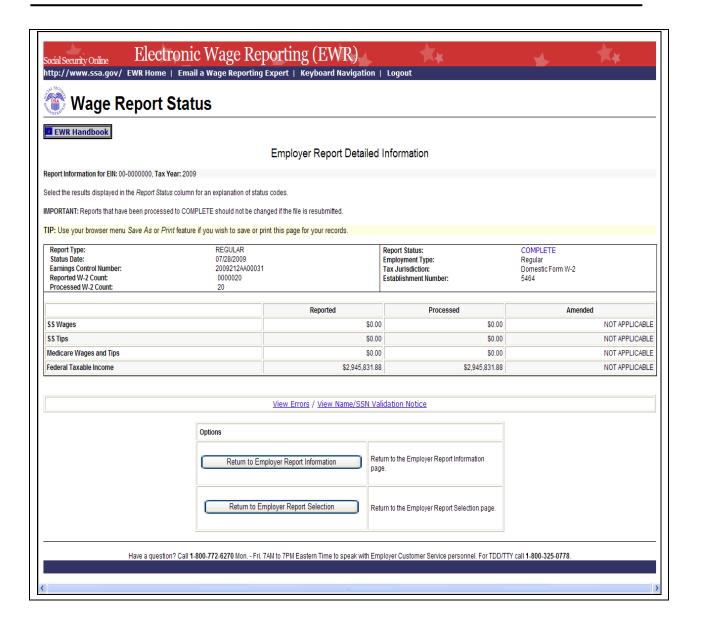


- **STEP 8**: Select the Tax Year from the **Please Choose a Tax Year** drop-down menu. The current tax year is the default value in the Tax Year drop-down menu.
- **STEP 9**: Select the **Continue** button. The system displays the Employer Report Information page.

To return to the EWR Home page, select the Cancel button.



STEP 10: Select the **Details** link in the Employer Report Details column of the specific report you wish to view. The system displays the Employer Report Detailed Information page.



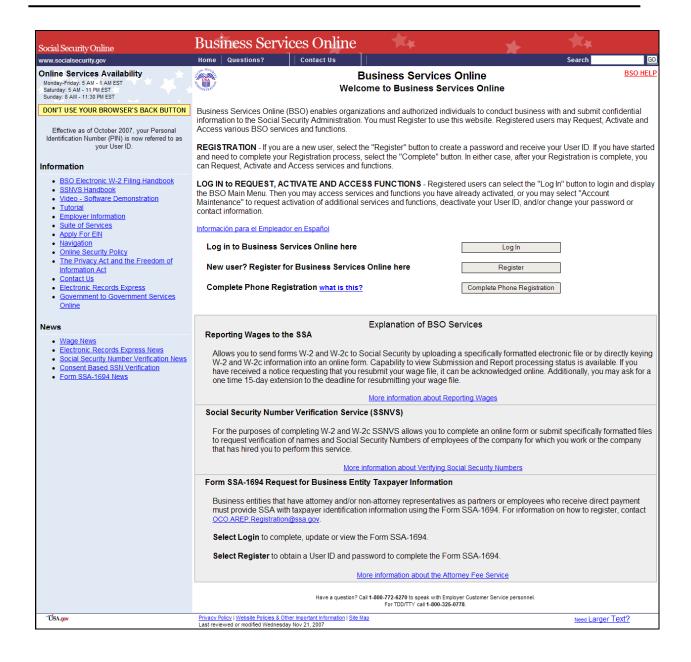
LESSON 3: VIEW ERROR INFORMATION FOR PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED WAGE DATA

This option is available only to users who selected the View File/Wage Report Status, Errors, and Error Notices **with** or **without** Name/SSN Errors role. Follow the instructions below to view error information for previously submitted wage data.

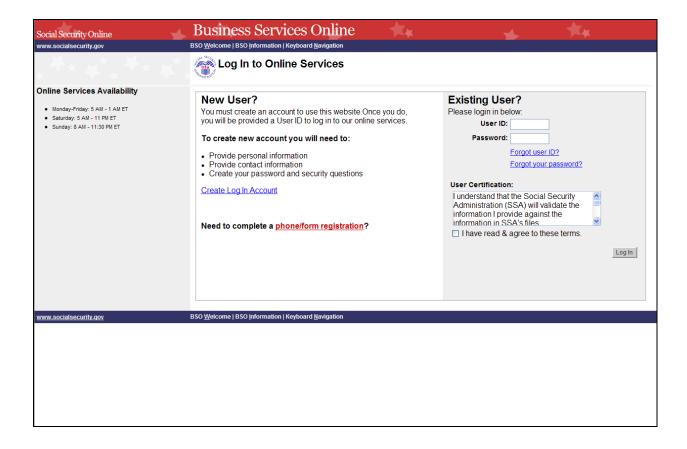


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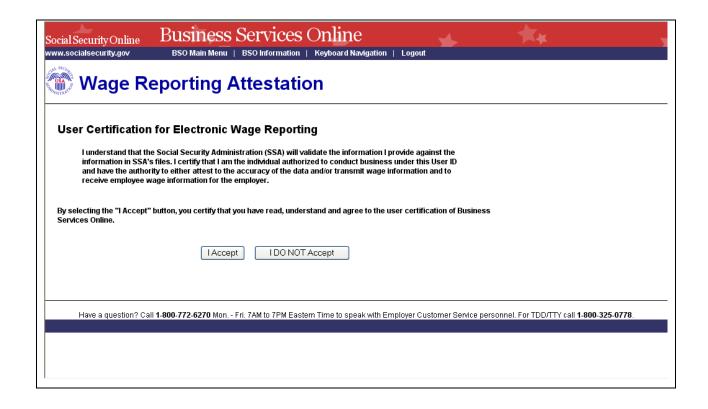
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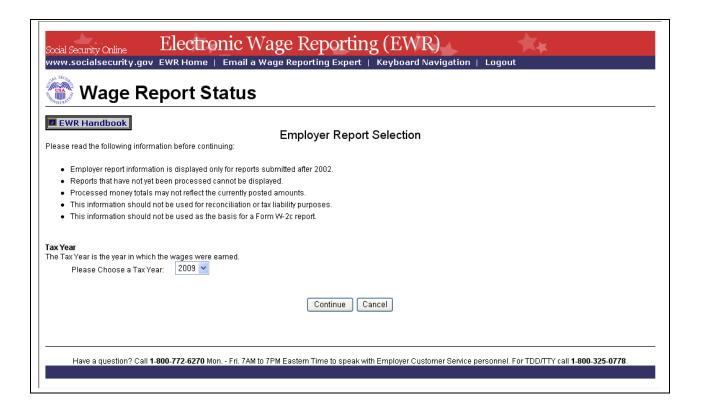
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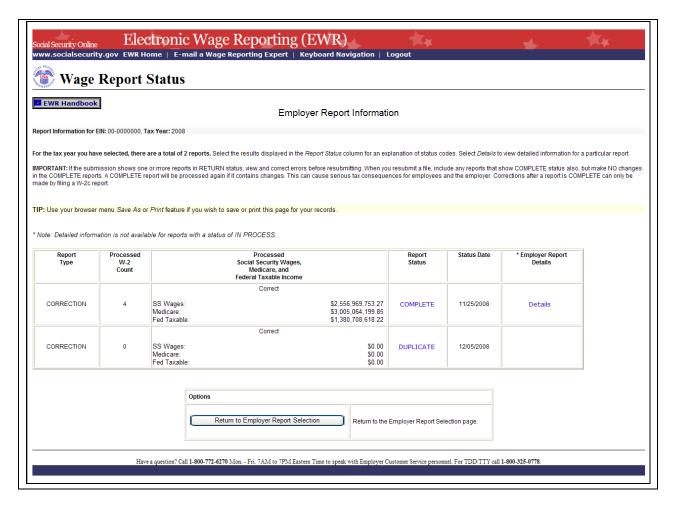
STEP 7: Select the View Wage Report Status link.

The system displays the Employer Report Selection page.

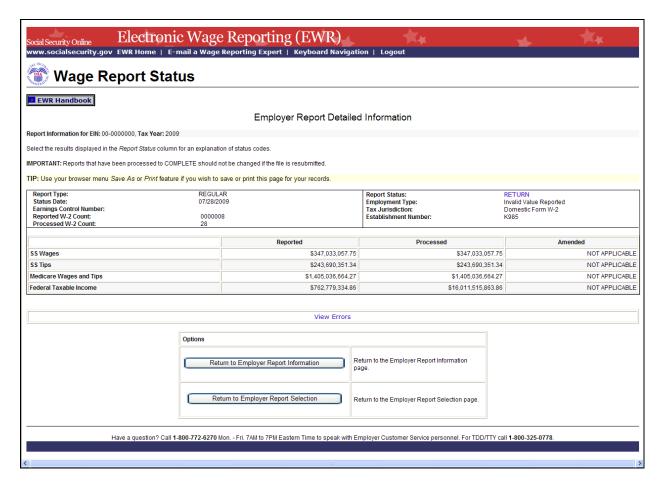


- **STEP 8**: Select the Tax Year from the **Please Choose a Tax Year** drop-down menu. The current tax year is the default value in the Tax Year drop-down menu.
- **STEP 9**: Select the **Continue** button. The system displays the Employer Report Information page.

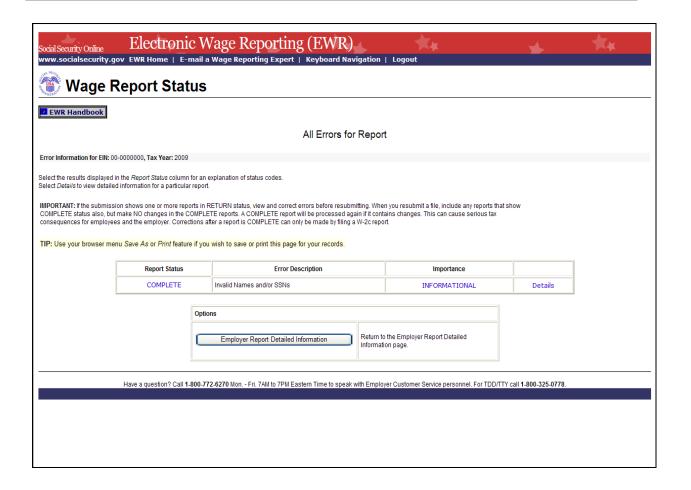
To return to the EWR Home page, select the Cancel button.



STEP 10: Select the **Details** link in the Employer Report Details column of the specific report. The system displays the Employer Report Detailed Information page.



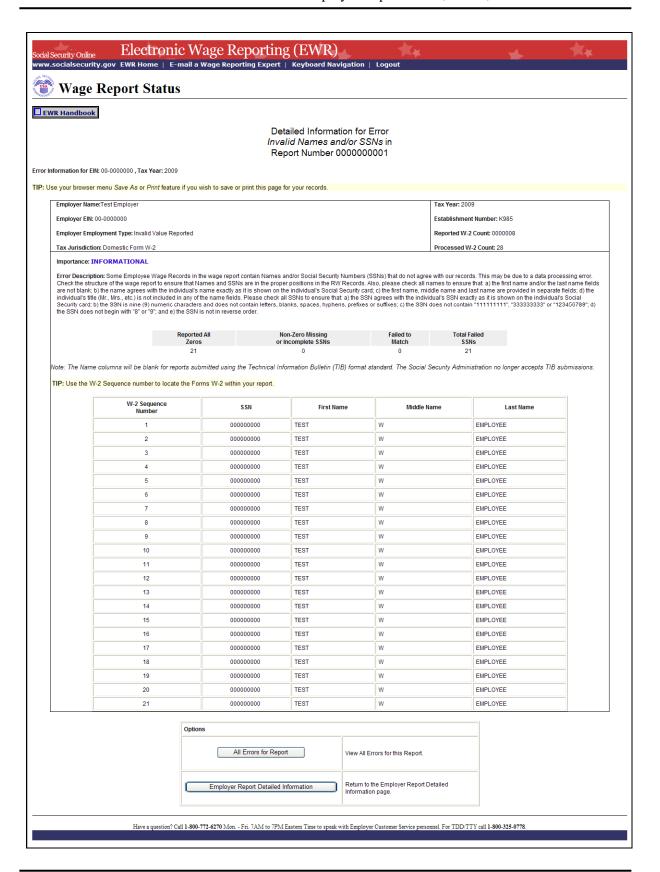
STEP 11: Select the **View Errors** link to display all errors for the report. The system displays the All Errors for Report page.





If no View Errors link is present, SSA found no errors while processing the report.

STEP 12: Select the **Details** link in the right-hand column of the specific error description. The system displays the Detailed Information for Error page.



STEP 13: Select the **All Errors for Report** button after reviewing the error information to return to the All Errors for Report page.

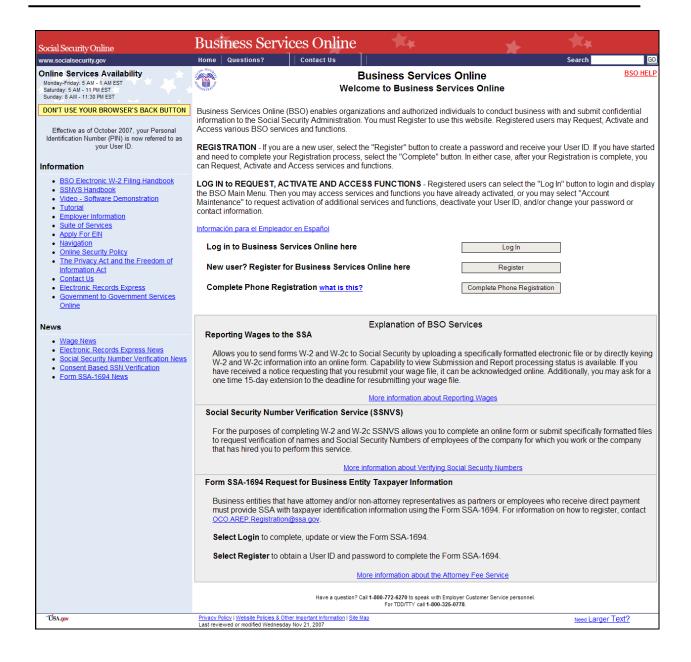
LESSON 4: VIEW SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER/NAME VALIDATION NOTICES

This option is available only to users who selected the View File/Wage Report Status, Errors, and Error Notices with Name/SSN Errors role. Follow the instructions below to view Name-SSN notices.

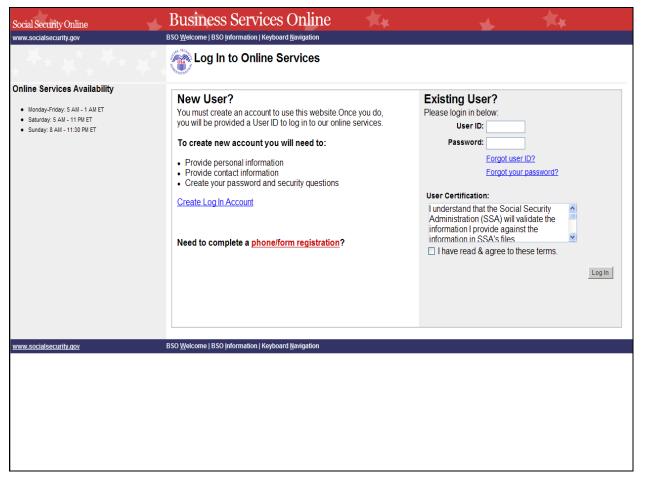


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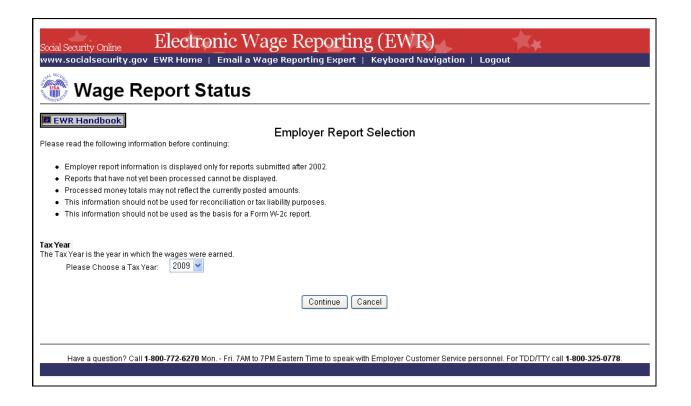
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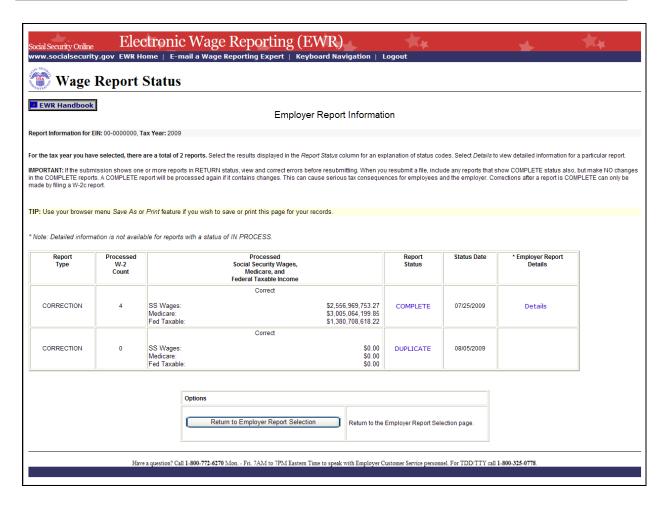
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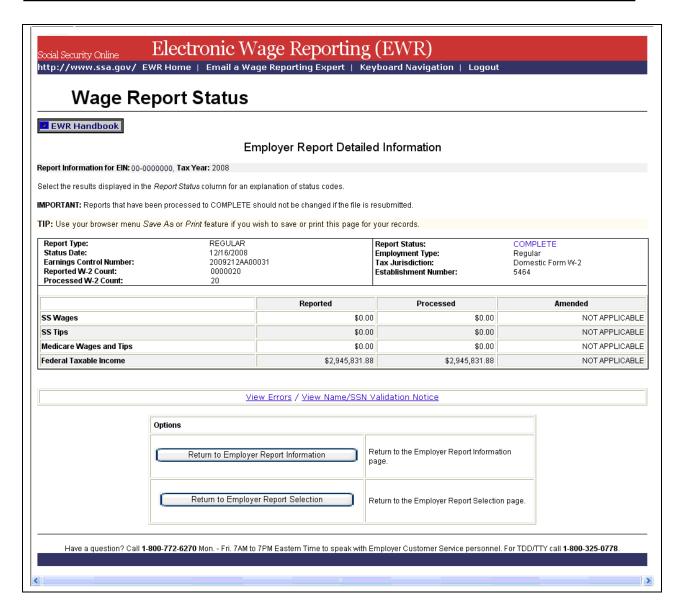


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- **STEP 9**: Select the **Continue** button. The system displays the Employer Report Information page.

To return to the EWR Home page, select the Cancel button.



STEP 10: Select the **Details** link in the Employer Report Details column of the specific report. The system displays the Employer Report Detailed Information page.



STEP 11: You can either select the View Name/SSN Validation Notice link or the View Errors link.

Go to Step 12 to use the View Name/SSN Validation Notice link.

Because the Name/SSN Validation Notice displays only a limited number of SSNs, more information may be obtained by viewing the Detailed Information for Error – Invalid Names and/or SSNs page via the **View Errors** link. Go to <u>Step 14</u> to use the **View Errors** link.

STEP 12: Select the **View Name/SSN Validation Notice** link to display a facsimile of the notice mailed to you. It will contain up to five hundred (500) SSNs that failed to match SSA's records. The system displays the Name/SSN Validation Notice.



You can view a facsimile of the Name/SSN Validation Notice only if you received the notice via mail. A partial sample of a Name/SSN Validation Notice is located below.

Establishment Number: K051 MRN: 31518500005 WFID: 501125-01 Why You Are Getting This Letter

Some employee names and Social Security numbers that you reported on the Wage and Tax Statements (Forms W-2) for tax year 2003 do not agree with our records. We need corrected information from you so that we can credit your employees' earnings to their Social Security records. It's important because these records can determine if someone is entitled to Social Security retirement, disability and survivors benefits, and how much he or she can receive. If the information you report to us is incorrect, your employee may not get benefits he or she is due.

There are several common reasons why the information reported to us doesn't agree with our records, including:

Errors were made in spelling an employee's name or listing the Social Security number,

An employee did not report a name change following a marriage or divorce, and

The name or Social Security number was incomplete or left blank on the W-2 report sent to the Social Security Administration

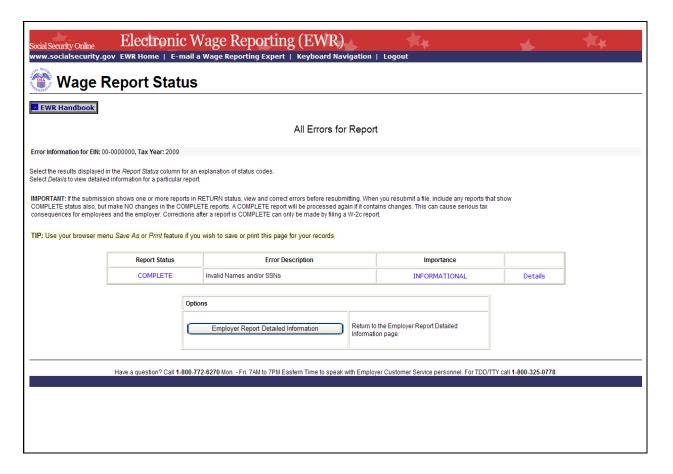
IMPORTANT:

This letter does not imply that you or your employee intentionally gave the government wrong information about the employee's name or Social Security number. Nor does it make any statement about an employee's immigration status.

See Next Page Visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov Page 2 of 10 You should not use this letter to take any adverse action against an employee just because his or her Social Security number appears on the list, such as laying off, suspending, firing, or discriminating against that individual. Doing so could, in fact, violate state or federal law and subject you to legal consequences For Spanish-speaking individuals: Esta carta y los documentos adjuntos proveen información sobre las acciones que usted debe tomar para corregir algunos de los nombres y números de Seguro Social que informó en los Comprobantes de Retribuciones e Impuestos (formularios W-2, "Wage and Tax Statements", en inglés) de sus empleados. Si usted necesita una traducción de esta carta, por favor llámenos al número de teléfono gratis, 1-800-772-1213, de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. de lunes a viernes Esta carta no implica que usted ni su empleado intencionalmente proveyeron información incorrecta al gobierno sobre el nombre o número de Seguro Social del empleado. Tampoco hace ninguna declaración sobre el estado de inmigración de su empleado Usted no debe usar esta carta para tomar una acción adversa contra el Page 3 of 10 If You Have Any Questions If you have any questions, please call us toll-free at 1-800-772-6270 between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We can answer most questions over the phone. You can also write us at the address shown on the first page of this letter. If you call, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions. Also, general program information is available from our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/employer. Mattie L. Smith Mattie L. Smith Assistant Regional Commissioner Processing Center Operations □Page 4 of 10 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS THAT DO NOT MATCH OUR RECORDS 001-00-9901 002-00-9901 003-00-9901 004-00-9901 005-00-9901 006-00-9901 007-00-9901 008-00-9901 009-00-9901 010-00-9901 011-00-9901 012-00-9901 013-00-9901 014-00-9901 015-00-9901 016-00-9901 017-00-9901 018- 00-9901 019-00-9901 020-00-9901 021-00-9901 022-00-9901 023-00-9901 024-00-9901 025-00-9901 026-00-9901 027-00-9901 028-00-9901

STEP 13: At the bottom of the page you will see the **Employer Report Detailed Information** button (not shown here). Select the **Employer Report Detailed Information** button to return to the Employer Report Detailed Information page (see page 39 for a screen example.)

STEP 14: Select the **View Errors** link. The system displays the All Errors for Report page.



STEP 15: Select the **Details** link in the Invalid Names and/or SSNs error row. The system displays the Detailed Information for Error - Invalid Names and/or SSNs page.

To return to the Employer Report Detailed Information page, select the **Employer Report Detailed Information** button.



STEP 16: Select the **All Errors for Report** button after reviewing the error information to return to the All Errors for Report page.